

Red Cross

RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Irma Red Cross branch was held Tuesday evening in the Legion hall with the president, Mr. Longmire, presiding. There were 10 members present.

The reports for the year's work were very gratifying and show that 1,180 articles of knitting, clothing, quilts and supplies had been shipped out of Irma from December 2, 1941, to December 7, 1942. In this total were 116 wool quilts, 445 pair of service socks of all kinds, 149 pieces of clothing for babies, 44 sweaters, 43 scarves, 72 pairs of mitts, and other items of clothing, bedding supplies and Ladies Auxiliary knitting.

The War Work executive are very grateful for all the outside help that made up this splendid report. We feel that with only 16 real workers in the village and perhaps twice as many in the country branch that this work report represents a lot of hard work and careful planning on the part of those in charge. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the president, Mr. Longmire, for giving so unsparingly of his time and effort, and to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. H. Ott, for the very efficient manner in which he has kept the books and attended immediately to any work his office required.

The slate of officers were returned almost completely, with the addition of Mr. Pryce Jones to the entertainment committee, and the appointment of Mrs. Black as vice-president of the war work board.

FAREWELL PART HELD FOR AC2 JOHN H. ARCHIBALD

A farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Archibald in honor of their grandson, at which friends and neighbors came to spend a social evening. At midnight a dainty lunch was served. Mr. Bertil Selstedt gave a most pleasing toast to which John fittingly responded. A good time was had by one and all till the wee hours of morning, when John was presented with a purse of money. Hands were joined in singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow," and everyone wishing John good luck and a safe return.

Kinsella

A Record

Kinsella No. 11 well of N.W. Utilities of Edmonton, was spudded in on Friday, January 8. A surface pipe was set at 165 feet and cemented. Starting up below pipe Sunday morning at 8 a.m., a hole of 1706 feet was made. This is an all time record for Canada. The drillers were M. A. Muir and J. M. Allen.

Corp. J. A. Barker of the 31st RECCO, stationed at Otter Pt. B.C., spent a few days of his leave in Kinsella. He left last Monday for Edmonton.

Miss Georgie Lee left on Sunday for Edmonton, also Mr. Leslie Kyle. Bruce Davies has been spending his leave between Bruce and Kinsella.

Kinsella had a very enjoyable New Year's dance. Quite a few people attended.

Thelma Reishus is back in Kinsella again with Mr. and Mrs. Wyllie Brown, after spending a couple of months at home.

W. I. MEETING

The January meeting was held on January 7, at the home of Mrs. Ott. Thirteen members and 12 visitors were present. The meeting opened with "O, Canada."

The sewing committee appointed for 1943 consisted of Mrs. Enger, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hlynka. The handicraft branch convener is Mrs. E. Rae.

A party will be held February 12. This will be in honor of the local's 15th anniversary.

Knitting for merchant marine for January and February taken care of. Raffle donated by Mrs. Hlynka was won by Mrs. Erickson. Hostesses, Mrs. Longmire and Mrs. Peterson.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fletcher. Raffle to be donated by Mrs. R. Larson. Roll call to be answered with "My First Valentine." The hostesses will be Mrs. Raham and Mrs. Ott.

Because the bran particles in whole-wheat flour make complete sifting difficult, whole wheat flour should be thoroughly mixed with a fork before measuring.

Local Alberta Farmers Union Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT HAS GOOD WORD FOR IRMA TIMES

On Wednesday evening, January 6, the Irma local of the Alberta Farmers' Union held their annual meeting in Hedley's hall at 8 p.m. A nice crowd was out.

After the regular business had been transacted the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, J. A. Jackson (re-elected); vice-president, W. R. Dawson; sec.-treas., E. T. Sanders (re-elected). The four directors elected were W. Dootson, A. C. Archibald, B. Selsted, M. T. Reltan. F. F. Thurston and E. T. Sanders were chosen to represent the local at the forthcoming convention in Edmonton.

The report of the finance committee showed the local to be in a sound financial standing, and the committee's recommendation that the dues for 1943 remain at \$2.00 for men and \$1.00 for ladies was adopted.

The president appealed to the members to support our home town paper, as there were rumors to the effect that due to insufficient subscribers it might be discontinued in the near future. He pointed out the important function performed by the Irma Times in the district and said that people who at present pay little attention to the paper would be much surprised to discover how much they would miss it if it should be discontinued. After some discussion a resolution was drawn up requesting the municipal district of Wainwright to supply the paper to the Irma district, as had previously been done by the council of M.D. Battle River, 423. This resolution was carried unanimously.

After the meeting coffee, sandwiches and cake were served by the members of the lunch committee who were also responsible for the social hour which followed in which everybody took part in community singing. The lunch committee was comprised of Wilfred Sanders, A. C. Archibald, W. Dootson and Roland Herberts.

The next meeting will be held in Hedley's hall on Wednesday evening, February 3, at 8 p.m. The lunch and entertainment committee consists of J. J. Kennedy, J. H. Armitage, C. E. Fenton, and E. T. Sanders.

The roll call for the February meeting will be answered by a fish story or a song. Everybody welcome.

"Food for Victory."

The LETTER BOX

The Editor,
Dear Sir:

As the immediate war time necessity is for greater hog production and as this entails a lot of work which many farmers help with their depleted family help will not be able to undertake; and as skilled help is much more expensive than the present price of hogs justifies a farmer in hiring, we firmly request the dominion government to ensure that a parity price of \$22.00 per 100 on rail at main western points be paid in order to enlist the co-operation of our farmers to make the supreme effort to reach the 1943 quota.

This price would be in accordance with the proposal made by the dominion government itself; that the highest price paid between September, 1926 and December, 1940 constitute "parity." In 1926 the highest price for hogs was 16 1/2 cents live weight.

There are indications that there will be a shortage of pork products, necessitating rationing in the near future, if this fair and reasonable request is not acceded to. We have only to call the attention of the government to the refusal of the War Time Prices and Trade Board to accede to the reasonable

request of the dairymen and pay an additional 6c per pound butterfat last March, which has now resulted in butter rationing, to show the danger of the present situation.

As the result of a questionnaire sent out by the Alberta Farmers' Union to the locals representing 16,000 working farmer members, over 70 per cent of the returns indicate there will be no increase in hog production for 1943. Some say definitely less. Where then is the justification to expect big gains in Alberta's hog production for 1943?

These estimated gains are made by those who are not in touch with the farmers. The warning of the dairymen last March was disregarded. Now we have butter rationing. If the warning of the hog producers is disregarded, we may soon have pork rationing. One does not need a very long memory to call to mind the utterance of the food administrator, Mr. Taggart, who made the following statement on November 18: "As far as I am concerned I do not see the remotest possibility of rationing of butter in the foreseeable future and I can go further and almost guarantee that there will be no rationing during the next six months."

This might be described as a "bum steer" on Mr. Taggart's part and it is because we do not wish to see the butter mistake repeated, with its aggravating reactions, that the Alberta Farmers' Union is advocating that a parity price be paid for hogs.

Yours truly,

H. E. Nichols,
Sec'y. Alta. Farmers' Union.

World of Wheat

by H. G. L. Strange
Director of the Searle Grain Co.
FARMERS DO NOT STRIKE

Recently in eastern Canada I was quite close to a town where 13,000 men working on important war work in a quite illegal manner, struck work for a week for a trivial cause.

I was shocked to see how little these workers seemed to realize the danger to the lives of our soldiers in battle through a possible lack of the precious munitions they were making. I could not help but think of the different attitude of our farmers toward the war. Farmers, I reminded these industrial workers, never strike no matter how low their products may be in price; and today they are low in price compared to the high wages industrial workers are receiving. Farmers simply "carry on" to the best of their ability, producing those food products which the government tells them are urgently needed. It does seem, therefore, that our farmers are entitled by all to a great deal of credit for the splendid work they are doing in producing vast quantities of those most important munitions of war—foodstuffs.

I venture the suggestion to the government, however, that because of all this a modest increase in the prices of the products our prairie farmers are raising, to bring their net incomes nearer to those now enjoyed by industrial workers, would be well in order.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our kind friends and neighbors who helped in any way during our recent sad bereavement and for all kind expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Elwood and Family.

When buying dish towels of mixed cotton, rayon and linen you will do well to ask how much rayon is in the mixture. Those with less than 45 per cent rayon will last well if not laundered too severely.

News of Our Boys

Pte. Basil Ingle of the Camrose training centre spent his New Year's leave in the Irma district.

Since his Christmas holidays, John Archibald has been transferred to a west coast air station.

Cpl. Clarence Carter left for his duties at Claresholm last Monday after enjoying a furlough at home. James Stead was home on leave last week-end.

Ace Cleveland has returned to an RCAF station in the west, after spending his furlough and five days extension with his wife and daughter at the home of Mrs. V. L. Nash.

STENOS WANTED FOR ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

An opportunity for thirty Alberta girls to get a five month course in shorthand, typing and business English free has just been announced by the Royal Canadian Air Force. The course is open to physically-fit girls and women between 18 and 41 who have no dependents. Some high school education is preferred.

Suitable applicants are enlisted at once and paid \$2.15 a day right from the start of the course. They live in Edmonton and are encouraged to stay with relatives or friends. They will wear civilian clothing until completion of the course.

Classes will be held at the Alberta Women's Corps headquarters and will be under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Tait.

Upon completion of the stenography course, the girls will proceed to eastern Canada for an additional four weeks basic training and then be posted to stenographic positions at various air force units.

Those interested are invited to get in touch with the RCAF, Women's Division, in the Provincial Building, Edmonton. The offices are open Tuesday and Friday evenings for those who prefer to call in the evening. Those who live out of the city and cannot call in person are invited to write for information.

Applications are being accepted now for the course which will start late in March.

THE VALUE OF QUALITY

Noting Canada's large surpluses of wheat and coarse grains, some people seem to think that there is no longer any need to make special efforts to build up or even to maintain high quality in Canadian wheat and other grains. This view I myself am certain, is not only wrong but can be dangerous. When this war is over there will be keen competition to sell farm products on the markets of the world. Those countries will have the best chance to sell the largest quantities whose products are of the highest quality. Prairie farmers should, therefore, prepare now for after the war sales.

No better preparation could be made than by making special efforts to improve the quality of our herds and flocks of livestock and particularly of our wheat, which will unquestionably remain in the future, as it has been in the past, the foundation of our prairie well being. There is no better way to improve the quality of our wheat than by the simple method of growing a recommended variety in a reasonably pure state. This can easily and cheaply be done by any farmer by the purchase of a small quantity each year of Registered or Certified seed sealed in the sack. The use of a few bushels of such seed would certainly result in a decided improvement in the quality, hence in the value, of any farmer's wheat crop.

War Savings Certificates in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$25.00, are now on sale at the local bank and postoffice. Just put down your money for the amount you wish to purchase, and you get your certificate right there and then. War savings stamps are also on sale and when you get your card filled, you can then get a certificate right here at home. Don't miss buying some stamps every week.



UNITED CHURCH

Irma—Sunday school, 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
A hearty invitation to all.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN

Holy communion service on Sunday, January 24, at 2:30 p.m.
Christian and Missionary Alliance Gospel service on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Kinsella M.D.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the council of the Municipal District of Kinsella held in the office in Kinsella on December 15, 1942.

The meeting was called to order by the reeve at 10:30 a.m.

The following members of the council were present: A. Bradley, L. Hagenson, J. Zelinski, A. Firkus, R. Candy, T. J. Overbo.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion of Cr. Hagenson same were adopted.

The monthly statement was then presented to the council and same ordered filed.

Moved by Reeve Bradley that the price of lot 2 in Kinsella be set at \$50.00.

Cr. Zelinski was delegated to interview the doctor and see if it was possible to arrange a reduction in the accounts which had been rendered in the case of indigent bills.

The secretary gave a report on the municipal convention which he had attended in Calgary in November and same was accepted.

Correspondence was read from W. Bailey re a letter which he had received from the Wheat Acreage Bonus and the secretary was instructed to reply to same.

Moved by Reeve Bradley that the road work done by O. Moan be applied on the arrears on the N.W. 29-45-12-4.

Moved by Cr. Zelinski that the caveat be removed from the SE 20-45-10-4 and that the secretary write the registrar stating that the council were agreeable to the transfer from the name of the Estate of J. W. Wyatt c/o National Trust Co. to Mr. A. Firkus.

Mr. J. Halverson of Irma made an offer to purchase lots 20 and 21 block 7 in Jarrov and the secretary was instructed to reply saying that the council would accept \$220.00 subject to the approval of the minister.

Moved by Cr. Zelinski that a grant of \$50.00 be made to the Salvation Army.

Moved by Cr. Firkus that the municipal district pay the hospital bill of W. Russell.

Moved by Cr. Hagenson that those parties who had purchased land from the municipality and who were in arrears of payments be notified to call at the office and make arrangements to reduce their indebtedness.

The secretary was instructed to reply to correspondence received from the following: Dept. of Mun. Affairs; S. Lefrud; Can. Pac. Ry. Co.; Wheat Acreage Board; Dept. of Agriculture; Mothers' Allowance Dept.; Old Age Pension Board.

Moved by Cr. Candy that the Old Age Pension of Mrs. Ward be increased to \$25.00 per month.

Moved by Cr. Zelinski that the next meeting of the council be held on January 12.

There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Cr. Firkus that the meeting adjourn.

A small quantity of nutmeg or mace gives a pleasing variation when added to scalloped fish or oysters.

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The Air Training Plan

THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH Air Training Plan has entered upon its third year of operation. In December 1939 representatives of the Plan were arranged. In April of that same year, the first class commenced initial training at Toronto. Preliminary plans for such a training scheme had been discussed before the outbreak of the war, and much thought had been given to the matter by all the nations involved. However, we are told that even the most optimistic hopes of those who made the early arrangements have been surpassed by the success with which the Plan has progressed. Its magnitude is understood by most Canadians, for training is carried on in every province of the Dominion. The Prairies, with their excellent facilities for landing and fine atmospheric conditions have proved ideal for training purposes and in great many Western communities there is now nothing unfamiliar in the constant hum of 'planes in the sky, and in the presence of airmen from all parts of Canada and from abroad.

Rapid Growth Of R.C.A.F.

While the Air Training Plan is a joint enterprise, and the greatest thing of its kind yet undertaken in this war, it is essentially Canadian, and is administered by the R.C.A.F. More than eighty per cent. of the men trained are Canadians, and two-thirds of the cost of the maintenance of the Plan. In 1939 the R.C.A.F. had only 283 officers and 3,400 men. In the past three years these numbers have increased rapidly and there are now 125,000 officers and men in the Force. Of these, 83,000 are engaged in instructional, administrative and maintenance work. There are 150 establishments connected with the Plan, of which 93 are training schools. Over two thousand buildings are in use for it, and there are stations in every province. The development of the scheme has made Canada a first class air power in the world today and has earned for her the title of "an airpower of Democracy." The scheme represents an effort of great magnitude, and gratitude and credit are due to those who have planned and developed it, for it has undoubtedly been an important factor in the successful defence of the Allied nations. Its great importance in the offensive now commencing is clear, and the success with which the Plan is functioning is one of the things on which we may base confidence and hope for victory.

Air Strength Is Important

Britain, Australia and New Zealand are sending the finest of their young men to be trained in the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The young men of our own country they are going overseas in steadily growing numbers, and are taking part in the air war in many sections of the world. Many are patrolling our own coasts. As we see Allied air power spreading over increasingly large areas, we have ample proof of the excellent results of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Already many of these airmen have given their lives, but there are others coming to take their place, and to make sure that the cause for which they died will not be lost. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, who was Air Officer Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East in 1940 and 1941 has been visiting in Canada, and has told of some of the difficulties faced by the R.A.F. in the early years of the war. At that time he said, it was not unusual for the enemy to outnumber us four to one, and sometimes the odds were six to one. The importance of air strength has been demonstrated many times in this war, and it is clear that strong air support is necessary for all military and naval operations. The Commonwealth Air Training Plan is providing the men for this, and we in Canada are fortunate to be able to play such an important part in its furtherance.

Just Civil War Debt

Loan To Finland Was Used To Fight The Government
The Government of Finland is reported to have made its usual offer of payment of debt instalment to the United States and that the Washington Administration has declined to accept it.
Much has been made of the so-called payment of "war debts" by the Finnish Government to the United States, and for a number of years prior to the outbreak of the present war, comparisons were made by the isolationist-pacifist, anti-British group in the United States to show what an honest race the Finns were, and that the British were "welfare".

Finland, however, never had a war debt at all. One very good reason is that Finland did not exist as a separate government during the last war, being a province of Russia. After the Bolshevik revolution a Finnish government was established with the help of the Russian Bolsheviks. This government was smashed by the General Marching who is now fighting with Germany against the Russians. He it was who obtained money from the United States to finance his campaign to smash the people's government and against the Russians from 1919 to 1921.

So far as it might be called a "war debt" it was not a war, for democracy, but a civil war against the democracy of Finland, who are today, involved in the war against the people who gave them their freedom, and who would gladly get out of it if their masters would let them. They are in much the same boat as the Spanish people will be if General Franco were to openly participate in the war on the side of Germany.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

POPULATION OF INDIA
India's total area of 1,576,000 square miles, with a population of 388,800,000. One out of every five persons in the world is an Indian; 92,973,000 Indians — nearly one in every four of the total population are not British subjects but live in the Indian states which cover nearly two-fifths of the area of India and are not British territory; 295,827,000 Indians live in the 11 provinces of British India and are British subjects.

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Safest Driver



Really a record that all motorists should aim at is that attained by Harvey Kaster, newly acclaimed Ontario's safest driver. He has 930,000 miles in 17 years to his credit without a single accident. Kaster is a heavy truck driver.

National Food Tasters

Lord and Lady Woolton Pass Judgment On Wartime Dishes
Food Minister Lord Woolton and Lady Woolton quietly fulfill the office of national food tasters at their own table.

Lord Woolton made this known when, smiling the laughter lines in his chubby face into prominence, he disclosed he tried out Britain's new national food on his wife.

Lady Woolton, it should be said, would not for a minute claim the position of Food Taster No. 1, of course. She has never claimed to be a gastronome, has no particular fancies about food, and is not finicky about what she eats. She is a good average, eater of palatable food.

That, perhaps is why Lord Woolton, who does not enjoy such a good appetite as his wife, occasionally tries out a new turn of time food at his own table. Prior to the bread experiment he tried dried vegetables out on Lady Woolton.

Lady Woolton becomes inordinately curious whenever she gets into a kitchen—a good thing for a food minister's wife. Not long ago she went to a showroom where the equipment was something to be seen. But Lady Woolton became absorbed in the operations of a cook who was making a dish of stuffed liver and stale bread and later, in the same cook's ingenuity in making sausages take the place of sugar in apple pudding.

It Happens Sometimes

Five School Chums Meet As Marines

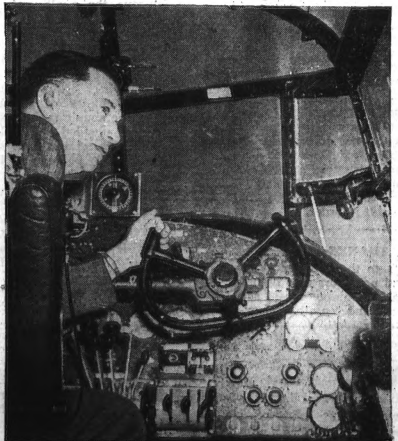
In Pacific War
This is the saga of five buddies from Allentown, Pa., who went to war as marines last December 8.

They started to elementary school together, played together and graduated from high school together in 1939.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor the five lads became leathernecks. They trained together at Parris Island and later at New River, N.C.

Two of them went overseas and landed on Guadalcanal in July. Then, in November, they were standing on a sandy beachhead on the island watching a troop transport unload. Up the beach, side by side, trudged the other three.

Long Distance Flyer



Clyde Pangborn, famed long-distance flyer, is pictured at the controls of a big Lancaster bomber. Pangborn is now a captain in R.A.F. ferry command. The huge Avro-Lancaster has a wingspread of 102 feet, an overall length of 69 feet, gross weight of 60,000 pounds and height of 20 feet.

NEWS of your Army

(By Capt. B. M. Pearce)

Seven sons in uniform and on active service is the proud record of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vautour of Ste. Anne de Kent, N.B. Three of their boys, William, Leo and Donald enlisted just two days after the declaration of war. Within one year, Gerard, Wilfred and Elsie also enlisted together. The first three are now serving overseas; the other three are on duty in Canada. The seventh son, Eusebe, was recently accepted as a recruit after several previous attempts on his part had failed due to lack of education. The Canadian Legion War Services helped cut with educational facilities and Pte. Eusebe Vautour is now taking his basic training at Fredericton, N.B. It was a happy day for this patriotic French Canadian family when he was accepted, because they felt that the family had not contributed their all to the war effort until Eusebe too wore the King's uniform, along with his six brothers, two brothers-in-law and 14 cousins.

For each nursing sister on duty, two V.A.D.'s will be appointed to service in hospitals of the home war establishment, the total not to exceed 25 per cent. of the nursing strength. V.A.D.'s, as members of Voluntary Aid Detachments are called, have won a strength of several thousand. They are sponsored by both the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John's Ambulance Corps. Although not classified as full-fledged nurses, they must take courses in home nursing and first aid to qualify for service with the R.C.A.M.C. Since the outbreak of war many of them have served with distinction, not only as nursing aides but as ambulance drivers and attendants in Blood Donor Clinics across the country. They are recognized as invaluable in relieving the acute shortage of nurses throughout the country.

The Great War custom of awarding chevrons for long service in the Canadian Army will be readopted in this war. One silver chevron will be worn by officers and other ranks who are entering the first year of war, with a black one for each year of later service. The chevrons will be worn with the point uppermost on the left forearm of the uniform. They will be supplied free by the Army to active and home defence soldiers alike. They will not be worn overseas.

John N. Kennedy, 14-year-old New York city schoolboy who tried to enlist in the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, is back at his home, disappointed at being rejected because of his youth, but he has a letter of appreciation sent to him by the Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence. The boy hitch-hiked from New York, where his father Mr. Martin Kennedy is U.S. Congressman from the 18th Congressional District, to Montreal where he applied for enlistment. First he tried to join the famed Black Watch Regiment and later the R.C.A.F. He was turned down in both attempts because of his obvious youth. When the Defence Minister learned of the incident he wrote a commendatory letter to the lad.

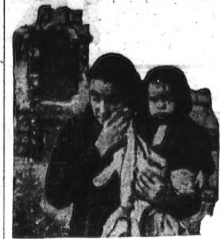
A new training centre for the Canadian Provost Corps has been established at Camp Borden, with facilities for training 35 officers and up to 500 other ranks. At the new Centre, Provost personnel will learn how to be examples to their fellow soldiers, guide and assist them. Members of the Provost Corps are no longer just "military policemen." They are fully-trained infantrymen, ready at a moment's notice to pick up rifle and bayonet and stand up against any odds in the field.

Gasoline Substitute

Hair Tonic Is Just One Being Used In Europe

Hair tonic is just one of the many gasoline substitutes being used in Europe today, a London survey reveals. Utilization of the scalp vigorizer to propel an auto is attributed to a Frenchman. A Swedish baker collected alcohol for motor use from the fumes of his bakery. Grapes also have been used to provide alcohol for autos, while city collected gas and gasoline, or fumes from burners stoked with briquettes are being used in South Africa.

AID TO RUSSIA FUND



The guns rumble 24 hours a day along the Russian front. They are pounding the lines at Stalingrad, they tear and burn the flesh of Russia's fighting men and women constantly along 3,000 miles of Soviet territory. That front, if transferred to this continent would extend almost from the Atlantic to the Pacific and cut deep into the most populous provinces of Canada.

The Russian front is, in terms of fighting conditions, the most difficult and largest of the Allied fronts. It is estimated that about 15,000,000 men are engaged on it, and the fighting in Russia's winter conditions is cruelly hard.

Millions have been wounded on this front, and in the rear, where guerrilla fighters are carrying on the battle, more millions are being shattered every day and night.

Soviet doctors are working tirelessly to repair the damage wrought by Nazi guns. A Russian front-line correspondent has reported that there are times in the height of battle when Soviet surgeons work at operating tables for three days on end. In these 72 hours a surgeon will treat 200 to 250 wounded men.

The Canadian Aid to Russia Fund is appealing for \$1,000,000 with which to dispatch some of the supplies that the Russian people need in such desperate measure.

This appeal is directed to all Canadians — workers in factories, physicians, surgeons and nurses in the laboratories and clinics, housewives, businessmen, everyone in Canada who appreciates the significance of the Russian front.

More destructive than rain to the flesh of automobiles is dew.



Develop New Plane

Large Flying Boat Is Still On The Secret List

Robert Perkins, Conservative, disclosed in the British House of Commons that Britain has a new plane in production, the York.

During a discussion of the future of British civil aviation after the war Perkins said "If air control would release 20 Yorks and 10 Sunderlands we could look Pan-American Airways in the face."

The York is still on the secret list, but since Perkins coupled it with the Sunderlands it presumably is a large plane capable of transporting both passengers and freight.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

REDEEMING TIME

What is meant by redeeming time? It is to fill the hours full of the rightest freight, to fill them with the life of thought, feeling, action, as they pass.—Clarke.

Very few people are good economists of their fortune, and still fewer of their time.—Chamberlain.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Look upon each day as the whole of life, not merely a section; and enjoy and improve the present without wishing through haste to rush on to another.—Ruskin.

To worry about tomorrow is to fail of devotion to the tasks of today, and so to spoil both days.—William Dewitt Hyde.

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A submarine, says the Christian Science Monitor, takes in water to dive, blows it out again to rise, just as a fish regulates the gas-content of its "swim bladder" for the same purpose.

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The era after the war should become the "common man's era." Projects that were almost unthinkable before the war have been done and done in a hurry. Road projects, war projects, dam projects and numerous other great achievements accomplished and money and means found for each and every one. Electricity and other elements of nature can be harnessed for the use and comfort of the "common man." The advance in the wide field of science during the war and explorations into fields practically unknown a few years ago should be of inestimable value to the solution of post-war problems. It will take some real statesmen to guide the Ship of State when the guns cease roaring just as it does when they are in action now. The world after the war will be just what the "common people" decide to make it—and not let dictators and selfish interests call the tune.

Just who was responsible for the naming of the Alaska Highway as the "Alcan Highway" is not known but it seems that some of the workers on it thought up the name. It was, perhaps, a friendly gesture, taking "Al" from Alaska, and "Can" from Canada. Yet the name doesn't really mean anything. It could be a high thing in South America or the Solomon Islands. Everyone knows where Alaska is and no doubt the name Alaska will eventually stick. Other names that could be suggested are "The Northern Light Highway," or "Midnight Sun Highway." Any of the latter three should be better than "Alcan."

A national appeal for \$10,000,000 in voluntary contributions to the work of the Canadian Red Cross will be launched throughout the dominion on March 1, continuing for three weeks. The Red Cross is an international organization and under the Convention of Geneva, is required to obtain its support by voluntary subscriptions to preserve its rights, privileges and immunities under International Law. No belligerent government may do a Red Cross Society; to do so would destroy the International status of the Society and even wipe out its immunity. The Canadian people will arise to the occasion as they have done so admirably before.

The Vegreville school division school teachers strike seems to have ended in a draw with the school division board. The losers are the pupils who were without educational facilities for about two months at a most important time of their young lives. The action of the teachers in deciding to hold the strike cannot be condoned. The effect on the young impressionable minds of the pupils cannot be anything but harmful. Strikes of any kind in Canada during these times of stress and strain of the war effort is not conducive to the public welfare or the war effort either. The department of education should have taken a firmer stand before the strike became a reality.

The Claresholm Press reports that the graduation candidate who received the biggest hand of all during the convocation exercises at the University of Alberta last week was the Japanese girl receiving her degree in dentistry. The university authorities got a bit jittery over the affair but the crowd sensed the tension and arose to the occasion in true British spirit of tolerance. One wonders what would happen in Japan if the circumstances were reversed. British people cannot keep hatred in their hearts.

Heavy brown paper may be used as a pressing cloth. Sprinkle with water and iron until dry.

This is the time of auditing, hearing annual reports of municipalities, school districts, villages, etc. Ratepayers will gather to hear and discuss these with the men who have been elected to carry on these activities which prove somewhat irksome and thankless at times. On the whole most organizations are reporting substantial gains and finances showing marked improvement.

The much maligned railroads in Canada at the present are standing up well under the strain of furnishing war transportation facilities. In years gone by Canada may have been over "railroaded" but at the present time the two railway systems are almost overtaken with freight and passenger traffic. That they are being used to the maximum capacity is readily seen any day, especially on the main lines. And you can take your hat off to the boys who keep the cars rolling.

FEED WHEAT PAYMENT POLICY AS APPLYING TO WESTERN CANADA

A payment of 8 cents per bushel is made by the dominion government on wheat used for livestock and poultry feed under the following limitations:

1. The Feed Wheat payment may be made only in cases when the farmer or livestock or poultry feeder does NOT possess a permit book issued by the Canadian Wheat Board entitling the holder to deliver wheat during the crop year 1942-43 or if he does hold such a permit book, it must show that he did not sow any wheat in 1942.
2. Only wheat bought through a miller or elevator operator having a milling or handling agreement with the Canadian Wheat Board or a dealer licensed by the Board is eligible for the Feed Wheat payment.
3. Only wheat purchased at the higher price authorized, and in effect since August 1, 1942, is eligible.
4. Wheat trades between farmers are not eligible.
5. The dealers in feeds collect the payment on behalf of the farmer or livestock or poultry feeder, and the full allowance of 8 cents per bushel must be passed on to the farmer or feeder if he is eligible to receive it.
6. Those desiring further information concerning the Feed Wheat payment should write to: D. H. Lockerbie, Office of Feeds Administrator, Grain Exchange Building, Winnipeg, Man.

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FARM PAPER ANNOUNCES NOVEL NEW CONTEST

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, long renowned for its unique and entertaining competitions, is at the present time featuring a new \$600.00 Prize Contest that promises to attain well-deserved popularity throughout the length and breadth of the country. The prize list is an attractive one, embodying 100 prizes with leading awards of \$200, \$100, and \$50.

Called "Fun on the Farm," this contest might best be described as a pictorial building game in which the contestant completes certain words pertaining to farm objects, situations or actions, then uses the letters of these words to build up other words represented in the puzzle pictures. The object is to use up as many letters of the original words as possible.

In presenting this contest, the Family Herald renders a valuable service in the field of home entertainment. These days, the average person has few dollars available for recreation and amusement, yet, to offset the strains of wartime living, recreation is needed more than ever. The Family Herald hopes that this new contest will help brighten the long winter evenings for all who seek recreation and profit in puzzles.

The first puzzle appeared in the issue of December 16, but there's still time to start. Arrangements have been made to supply back puzzles to those who did not get in at the beginning.

LOCALS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, formerly Marie Webber, at the Castor hospital on January 8, a son and a daughter. Congratulations. Mr. Phillips is serving in the Canadian Army and is now overseas.

Mrs. Edith Elliott and son, Hugh, and Messrs. J. Stougaard, A. Carter and C. Anquist were visitors to Edmonton this week.

Mr. Chas. Riley went to Calgary last week for a visit with relatives.

A hockey game between the Irma players and a team composed of players from outside the village was played in Irma last Tuesday evening. The boys all had a good workout and played a good clean game. This was the first attempt at hockey in Irma this winter. The score was 6-3 in favor of Irma. It is planned that other games will be arranged with neighboring towns from time to time. For those games a team will be selected from all over the district. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements.

The annual village meeting will be held in the village office on January 29 at 8 o'clock p.m. and the time for the annual meeting of the Irma School District has been set for 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, February 10.

Mrs. M. Enger was an Edmonton visitor this week.

Mrs. J. Fletcher has kindly invited the W.M.S. to hold their next meeting at her home, Thursday, January 21, at 8 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The Glenholm Social Credit study group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudson, on Friday evening, January 22, at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Village residents should take every precaution to guard against fire when dumping hot ashes, especially near buildings. A pile of ashes will hold fire for days, and at times a strong wind will bring up during the night and blow sparks a considerable distance to a building where a fire may start that would clean out a large section of the town.

After a mild spell of weather of almost two weeks, a chinook struck the Irma district Tuesday night. Wednesday morning water was running in many places. The bus from Edmonton Tuesday evening had difficulties making the trip owing to the icy highway. Public works trucks were out scattering sand on the more dangerous places.

St. Mary's W.A. will meet in the home of Mrs. Axel Peterson on January 22, at 2:30 p.m.



Dr. K. W. Neathy
Director, Agricultural Department
North-West Life Extension Association

1943 OBJECTIVES AND FARM LABOUR

No doubt prairie farmers resolved, on January 1st, to meet the farm production objectives made public by the government a few weeks ago. Some of the increases for 1943 over 1942 are: oats, 12%; barley 11%; flax, 68%; alfalfa, 17%; cattle, 9%; hogs, 28%; sheep, 12%; eggs, 29%; creamery butter, 15%; powdered milk, 41% (decreased condensed milk, 27%).

In 1942, farmers responded nobly to demands for food products. Certainly the increases in food products outlined above are urgently needed; but let us not be over-optimistic. Last year, pastures and feed crops were abundant as never before. Last year, besides supplying enormous quantities of food, the prairie farmers released thousands of their ablest men, to the armed forces, and to war industries in cities. Next year may be dry, and next year farm labour will be far more scarce.

It is useless simply to hide our heads in the sand or to look for miracles. Failure to meet the 1943 production objectives might be extremely serious, but is the probable outcome if a definite plan to meet farm labour problems is not undertaken very soon. Either the supply of farm workers must be increased or the workers must be redistributed in some way so that farmers are not obliged to reduce cattle, dairy cows, hogs and poultry.

As present it looks as though the problem is just dumped in the farmer's lap. Farmers are entitled to expect government guidance and to expect it soon.

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THIS IS TO REMIND YOU that within thirty days after attaining your sixteenth birthday you are required by law to attend at any Post Office in Canada and obtain from the Postmaster your National Registration certificate.

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Minister of Labour,
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Viking Items

Among those who have gone to Dawson Creek for employment are Chris Wollen, Tolkak Laidland, Melvin Wollen and Stanley Sorenson.

The Viking hospital board at their meeting on Saturday, decided to have several alterations to the rooms of the basement made in order to make arrangements more convenient for the staff.

Walter Marlow, young sports writer for the News the past year, left Tuesday morning for Edmonton for a try-out as assistant to one of the Edmonton Journal sports writers, Ken McConnell. Walter is a keen student of sports, especially hockey, baseball and boxing, having a ready knowledge of the record of many of the big leaguers, and has a flare for picking out the essentials in a contest. This sanctum will watch with interest his proclivities in a wider sphere and wish him good luck.

H. J. Fredericks, prominent business man and farmer of the Bruce district for many years, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 9, after several years of ailing health.

Funeral services were held at Bruce on Tuesday afternoon, arrangements being under the direction of the Hennessy funeral parlors.

John Theaker, who was born at Owen Sound, Ontario, December 10, 1882, died at his home north of town on December 28, 1942, and was at the time of his death close to sixty years of age. He had been ill at times but not seriously and his sudden passing was indeed a sad event to his family and to the district as a whole.

Arrangements have been made to organize a First Aid class in Viking and same will be held in the lower room of the Viking school, commencing Monday, January 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., prompt.

These First Aid classes are being organized by Wm. D. Cutsungavich, M.D., medical health officer for the Holden Health Unit, and will be conducted by Dr. C. D. McBride. We understand that Dr. Cutsungavich will conduct the first meeting.

Local stores close at 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Do your shopping early. The annual meeting of the Viking school district ratepayers will be held in the Elks hall on Monday evening, January 25, at eight o'clock.

WANT ADS

LOST—Somewhere about 1st of October to middle of November, 18K Green Gold Walmer watch chain with pearl handle pen knife. Anyone knowing and returning same will receive a suitable reward. Valued as keepsake. Mrs. Albert C. Knudson, Irma. 8-15p

STRAYED—From S.W. 36-46-10 W4, 1 black yearling heifer, short horns, white on top, no brand; 1 yearling Holstein bull, short horns, no brand. Reward is offered to anyone who might know the whereabouts. Victor Carter, Jarow. 15-22-29p

FOR SALE—McLary's No. 45 heater, like new. Robt. Hansen, Irma. 15-22p

FOR SALE—Purebred Tamworth boar. Gordon Fenton, phone 204, Irma. 15p

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